

Wyres & Tyres

June 2002

Issue 6

British Sports Car Club, LTD Memphis, Tennessee



MARK YOUR CALENDARS !!

BSCC Events:

Watch this space as plans develop!

Tentative Program Schedule:

- June Tom Bedenbaugh - porting & polishing heads, what does it mean and what does it do.
July The regional Meguiar's rep. from Atlanta
August The Great American Race

Other Events:

June 20 Competition Marque: Street Rods and Mini Coopers

Don't forget your dues! Send dues to

**British Sports Car Club
P.O. Box 38134
Germantown, TN 38183-0134**

Check out the Website!

www.memphisbritishcars.org

Ah, for the love of British Cars !!!!

June Competition Marque Event

Get ready to cruise up and down Germantown Parkway on Thursday, June 20 for the June Competition Marque Event. Buzz Merchlewitz is planning to start about 5:30pm at the Sonic, checking out all the street rods that meet there the third Thursday of every month. Then it's on to Roadshow BMW's new facility just down the road to check out the new MiniCoopers. All that activity will make you hungry, so afterwards, follow Buzz to the Fox and Hounds English Tavern (847 Exocet Drive, just off G'town Pkwy) for libations and comestibles. See you there!

May's Program on Racing Preparation

Thanks to Glenn Sipe for a comprehensive discussion of the special preparation steps necessary for vintage racing. Glenn spent about twenty minutes outlining special requirements for fuel cells, catch tanks, seat belts and other equipment required to race. He also gave some interesting insights into the evolution of the rules that make vintage racing a safe and enjoyable sport.

Bad Luck for Buzz in Virginia

Buzz Merchlewitz and Jim Hofer were off to a racing weekend in Danville, Virginia recently. Jim did fine with his Sprite, but Buzz wasn't so lucky, ending up with a burnt piston and cracked cylinder head.

Club Calendar

Board Meeting is scheduled on Thursday, June 13 @ 6:30 p.m. at the Side Car Café, 2194 Whitten Rd. (next to Bumpus Harley Davidson).

General Membership Meeting is Monday, June 17, 2002 @ 6:30 p.m. for dinner with meeting to follow at 7 in Colleta's Italian Restaurant, on Appling Way at Hwy 64.

BSCC and the Variety Club have a casual get-together every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Come to the Variety Club for just good ole fashioned fun & conversation.

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Monthly Club Meeting: Don't miss this opportunity to visit with your fellow members !! Any ideas for upcoming membership meeting programs or suggestions for improvements, contact Vice President Dana Henking at 854-5778 or any board member..

May Herb Fest Fun Run

Saturday, May 25, was a great day for a top down drive in the country. About twelve British cars from the BSCC met at the Sears Auto Center parking lot at Wolfchase before zipping off down country roads to Tom Bedenbaugh's house in Brighton, TN. Next door to Tom's is Anthony's Greenhouse, which was putting on its annual Herb Fest.

The BSCC entourage parked in a line under a great spreading shade tree in Tom's front yard and everyone had a great time shopping for herbs, inspecting the arts and crafts, and munching on snacks provided by Hosts Tom and Debbie Bedenbaugh. There was also a tour of Tom's and Debbie's 120-year-old farmhouse.

Two \$25 Gift Certificates were given as door prizes. One was for an oil change at Tom's garage, Import & Sports Repairs, and the other was from Anthony's Greenhouse for plants, herbs and flowers.

Buzz Merchlewitz won the gift certificate for Anthony's. Not really being an herb guy, Buzz turned to Club President Jenny Pangle and SUV Marque Leader Lisa Balton to help him in his selections.

Also attending the Fun Run and Fest were Sylvia Rose, Bill and Marian Cravens, Robin Balton, Joe Reed, Jim and Sharon Duke and Jack and Janey Reynolds. Jack and Janey were seen leaving the fest with a trunkful of flowers.

See the website for some great pictures of the event.

Special thanks to Tom and Debbie for a great time!

(Ed. Note: Apologies are extended to any attendees who were not mentioned in the above article; the information on the event was reported by Buzz Merchlewitz, who's memory may have been a little fuzzy as the result of blazing an herb doobie behind the greenhouse.)

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Rod Knocks and Oil Leaks

You know you've owned a Jaguar (British Car) too long when....

You always park downhill.

The guy at the parts house is listed as a dependent on your income tax form.

You get in a car and are surprised when all of the instruments work.

You tell your wife that you were out until 3AM because the car broke down... *and she believes you.*

The family is no longer upset in having to share the dinner table with a bunch of SU parts.

You don't trust anyone named Lucas

When your generator dies, you just pull another one out of your Lucas pile of bits.

You wash your hands BEFORE working in the engine compartment.

You'd rather give the family pit bull a bath than tune your SU carburetors again.

You allow four hours for a trip; 3 for repairs and one for driving.

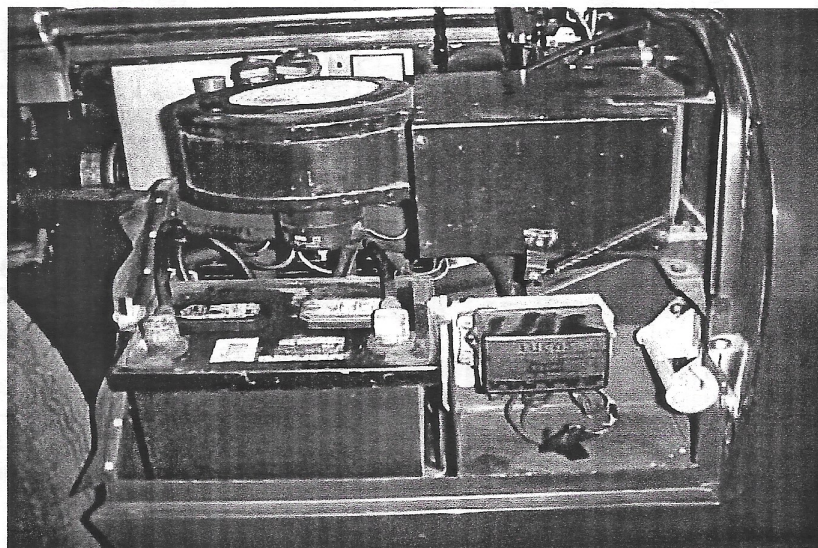
You can unstick a jammed starter in the dark, in the rain, in 5 minutes and don't think it's a big deal.

There's no oil on the garage floor so you know the car's completely empty.

Your car makes a funny sound and you immediately know what's wrong, how much it will cost, and what tools you will need to repair it.

Jaguar Internet Lovers Resource Website by way of Judy Ostner.

Photo at right shows E-type Jaguar engine compartment full of Lucas electrical components: Dynamo (generator) can just be seen at upper left, heater fan motor at center above battery, and voltage regulator to right of battery. Note electrical tape installed on regulator wiring in vain attempt to retain smoke essential to proper function of components (once the smoke gets out, the component is junk). Battery (fortunately of domestic manufacture) illustrates quirky positive ground design philosophy peculiar to British Cars of a certain era.





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Year/Condition _____

WANTS AND GOTS

June 2002

Wants:

Any Mini Cooper Jon Brody 373-8954

MGB 1 ro-style rim Norman Adcox 278-0407

Complete rear end assembly for early XKE Jag or

Front and rear hubs, knock offs, etc. Glenn Sipe 755-1977 or 754-5589

Straight, rust free body shell for rubber bumper Midget wanted. (or more complete car, no motor or interior needed). Paul Svoboda 618-588-3041 (IL)

Recipe for herbal poultice to cure cracked cylinder head. I've got the herbs, just need the recipe. Buzz Merchlewitz 465-7566

Gots:

Four MGB and A. \$6100 takes all 4 - complete 2 good cars. 2 part cars. David Royce 662-393-0045 (h) or 901-299-3161 (cell)

3 MGB wire wheels Joe Reed 372-2389

Interior TR-7 Hurricane 266-1094

1975 TR6, original, no rust, runs great. \$6000. Dana Henking 854-5778 h, 682-0400 w

Morris Minor Convertible (off frame resto) re-engined with Alum Buick V8. This car is neat and fast — MGB engines, trans, Jag knock off, C Jag cam covers—Glenn Sipe 755-1977 or 754-5589

1969 Triumph Spitfire, green, high back seats—Cary Smith 662-393-5869

1960 MGA, 1600cc, 76K miles. Owner since 1973. Stored inside since 1974. Black with chrome wire wheels. No top. \$6000.

Larry Allen 901-861-0049 after 5 PM.